

WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
411 FM 1375 E New Waverly, TX 77358

Meeting Minutes February 13, 2026

The WCESD2 Board met in open session in the meeting room of NWVFD, at Station 71 with President James Gregory presiding. Present was Commissioners: Thomas Malak and Jane Ellisor. All members were present except for Logan Moore and Keith Fitzpatrick therefore constituting a quorum. Also, present was Fire Chief Jacob Slott, Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Byler, Office Manager Kayla Gibson, and Deputy Chief Kevin Traylor.

Opening prayer was given by Deputy Kevin Traylor.

Prior to meeting being called to order Commissioner James Gregory, Jane Ellisor and Thomas Malak were reappointed and presented the Oath of Office and the Statement of Appointed Officer to the re-appointed commissioners. Office Manager Gibson notarized the documents upon execution by the Commissioners. Signed copies of the Oaths will be retained by Administration.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM. Gregory announced that a quorum was present, and that public notice was given in accordance with the Texas Government Code.

Election of Board Officers for 2026-2028 term was voted.

- President Commissioner James Gregory – Upon a motion made by Commissioner Ellisor and second by commissioner Malak.
- Vice President / Secretary Commissioner Thomas Malak – Upon a motion made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Ellisor.
- Treasurer Commissioner Jane Ellisor – Upon a motion made by Commissioner Malak and second by commissioner Gregory.
- Assistant Treasure Commissioner Logan Moore - Upon a motion made by Commissioner Gregory and second by commissioner Malak.
- Assistant Secretary Commissioner Keith Fitzpatrick - Upon a motion made by Commissioner Ellisor and second by commissioner Gregory.

The board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner James Gregory as President, Commissioner Thomas Malak as Vice President and Secretary, Commissioner Jane Ellisor as Treasurer, Commissioner Logan Moore as Assistant Treasurer and Commissioner Keith Fitzpatrick as Assistant Secretary.

Closed Election at 9:13 AM

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GENERAL ITEMS

On a motion by Commissioner Ellisor, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, the minutes for Jan 9th, 2026, were approved.

SPECIAL ITEMS

None to report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ellisor presented the WCESD2 Treasures report. Motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and second by Commissioner Malak, the board voted unanimously to accept the account balance as presented.

Commissioner Ellisor presented the WCESD2 expense report. Motion was made by Commissioner Malak and second by Commissioner Gregory, the board voted unanimously to accept the expense report as presented.

NWVFD CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Slott presented the NWVFD Expense report and account Balance. Motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and second by Commissioner Malak, the board voted unanimously to accept the Chiefs report as presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Malak; the board voted unanimously to accept the Chiefs expense report as presented. Fire Chief Slott presented the deployment summary report. Motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Ellisor; the board voted unanimously to accept the Deployment Summary Report.

Fire Chief Slott informed the board during his report that there is a land donation that is currently being discussed in Estates of Texas Grand Ranch dedicated to the Fire Station. Motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Ellisor to give permission to Fire Chief Slott to pursue the land.

MATTERS OF THE PUBLIC

No matters to discuss

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Chief Slott informed the board of all updates on the remodel of station 71. He stated that the framing for the bay doors should be 14 feet, but the framing is set for 12 Foot.

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This was an oversight on the engineer's side. GLS is making a change order, and the doors have not been ordered yet.

The generator was included in the bid; however, Fire Chief Slott informed the board that he would like to pull this from the bid and prepare a separate bid that the Chief's can take care of on their own. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

- B. Chief Slott would like to purchase another utility truck for dual purposes, F450 with a box and a flat bed. This Utility truck will have the capacity to haul a trailer to pull the High-Water vehicle. Chief Slott as the board for permission to work on bids. A motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Malak; the board voted unanimously to give permission to Chief Slott to work on bids and make decisions.
- C. SCBA Grant & funded amount is \$363,900. The new SCBA gear has programming now which increases the new amount to \$413,571.37. We have a to come up with our agreed portion plus the difference of the new amount. We need to order 35 packs in total. A motion was made by Commissioner Malak and seconded by Commissioner Ellisor; the board voted unanimously for Chief Byler to order the packs for the new rate and WCESD2 agreed to pay our agreed portion plus the difference for the new packs.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chief Byler informed the board that we were approved of a \$25,000 grant and he would like to use this month for new thermal cameras. A motion was made by Commissioner Malak and seconded by Commissioner Ellisor; the board voted unanimously for Chief Byler to use the \$25,000 grant money towards new thermal cameras.
- B. Chief Byler would like to hire a company to complete hydrant testing and to update the GPS system. The cost of hiring a company to complete this project will be between \$20,000-\$30,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Malak and seconded by Commissioner Ellisor, the board voted unanimously to approve Chief Byler to hire a company to complete hydrant testing and update the GPS System.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURN

Next regular meeting will be held on March 6th, 2026, at 9:00, in meeting room at NWVFD.

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by Commissioner Ellisor to adjourn at 9:59 AM, the board voted unanimously to accept the next meeting date and motion passed.

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Thomas Malak

Thomas Malak, Vice President / Secretary WCESD#2